

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: Equipment for MOUT clearing

Operation/Exercise Name: RESTORE HOPE

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:

The amount of 782 gear worn by forces engaged in clearing buildings and market areas often proved to be a hindrance and target for thievery.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:

Americans are large framed. The amount of web gear often prevented individuals from conducting thorough searches. Market items on tables and counters at close quarters were upset causing confusion and consternation on the part of the inhabitants.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:

Search teams in MOUT environment should be outfitted with minimal gear.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Reduce the amount of web gear allowing for a more streamlined silhouette making it easier for Marines to get in and around small tight places typical of an urban environment.

9. (U) COMMENTS:

None.

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